



1999, now U.S. Patent 6,326,205 ("the '205 patent"), which is a division of Application 08/550,167, filed October 30, 1995, now U.S. Patent 6,060,052 ("the '052 patent").

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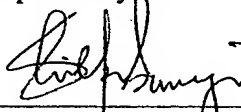
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The undersigned hereby states and certifies that:

1. The undersigned is an attorney of record in the above-identified patent application (associate power of attorney filed herewith) and is authorized to act on behalf of assignee corporation in connection with said application; and
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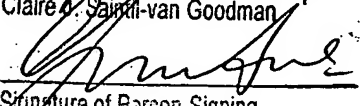


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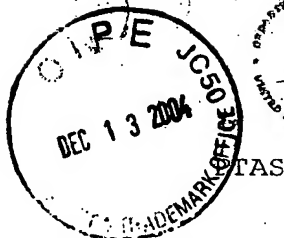
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